ABSTRACT

Described is a system and method in which the account

settings for managing (e.g., sending and receiving) data are

maintained in association with the managed data, such that the

5   account settings and data remain unified yet are independent of

any computing device. In one electronic mail application

implementation, the mail message data and the account settings

are maintained in a common store of a same storage volume that

is independent of the device, such as on a removable memory

10 card. When a user connects the volume such as by inserting the

card, the device automatically reads the email account settings,

which are then used to properly receive or send any

corresponding messages. Because the account settings are

maintained in the same store with any related content (e.g.,

15 message) data, the settings and related data thus travel with

the user / card when moved to another device.

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